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1. Strained relations between Syria and Transjordan--US Charge Stabler in Amman reports that, following Syrian radio attacks on King Abdullah and Transjordan, the Amman press and radio have begun a campaign of criticism against Syria. Stabler considers it likely that the propaganda battle will become intensified and that Abdullah will make ill-advised statements concerning the Greater Syria issue "which will only add fuel to the flames."

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2. SIAM: New coup attempt--The US Military Attache in Bangkok reports that Siamese Premier Phibul has broadcast an appeal, urging all Siamese to avoid civil war, and indicates that the capital has been shut off from highway communication with the rest of the country. Latest radio reports suggest that Phibul has proclaimed a state of emergency in the capital and that all public buildings are being closely watched.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that a new attempt at a coup is now in progress. In view of Phibul's evident forewarning, CIA believes that the attempt probably will be effectively forestalled.)

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